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SUBJ: JULY 15 PERMREPS LUNCH

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SUMMARY; AT THEIR JULY 15 LUNCHEON, NATO PERMREPS DISCUSSED  
UPCOMING NAC MINISTERIAL DATES, GREECE-NATO RELATIONS, AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE VISIT TO NORWAY, NAC CONSULTATIONS  
ON THE UNGA, CYPRUS, NATO SUMMITRY,  
AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

1. AT LUNCH, JULY 15, PERMREPS FIRST DISCUSSED CANCELLATION  
BY TURKEY OF ITS OBJECTION TO HOLD NEXT YEAR'S SPRING NAC  
MINISTERIAL ON MAY 19 AND 20, 1976. WITH THE CURRENT PROPOSAL  
OF MAY 20-21 THUS WITHDRAWN, PERMREPS WERE ASKED TO APPROVE  
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THE MAY 19-20 DATES. AS TO FUTURE SPRING NAC MINISTERIALS,  
THE UK AND THE NETHERLANDS ARE TENTATIVELY PREPARED TO HOST  
THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN THE SPRINGS OF 1977 AND 1978  
RESPECTIVELY. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE NORWEGIANS SEEK CON-

FIRMATION OF MAY 19-20 DATES IN JULY 18 NAC, REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS THAT DATE.

2. THE UK CHARGE (LOGAN) REPORTED THAT FONSEC CALLAGHAN FINDS DECEMBER 11-12 INCONVENIENT FOR THE WINTER NAC MINISTERIAL THIS YEAR. THE BRITISH THUS PREFER DECEMBER 14-15 FOR THE WINTER MINISTERIAL DESPITE APPROVAL OF THE EARLIER DATES BY SEVEN OF THE ALLIES. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE IN DECEMBER 14-15 FOR THE NEXT NAC MINISTERIAL.

3. ACTING SYG PANSAL REPORTED THAT GREECE WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS THE GREEK-NATO RELATIONSHIP ON/ABOUT SEPTEMBER 15.

4. PANSAL ALSO NOTED THAT AN ANNEX TO THE NAC-APPROVED PAPER ON CSCE PUBLIC RELATIONS GUIDANCE WOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL ON JULY 23 (SEE SEPTTEL).

5. AMBASSADOR BUSCH (NORWAY) NOTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTION THAT THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE VISIT NORWAY IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1976. SYG LUNS HAS PREVIOUSLY QUESTIONED THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH A TRIP GIVEN THE RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, AND THERE HAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, PRO AND CON, ABOUT POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT. AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) NOTED THAT SUCH TRIPS HAD LONG-STANDING PRECEDENTS AND HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT ECONOMIES CAN BE EFFECTED IN INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING WHEN THE COMMITTEE CAN OBSERVE DEVELOPMENTS AT FIRST HAND.

6. SEVERAL PERMREPS (TURKEY, UK, CANADA, ETC.) AGREED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING UN SPECIAL SESSION AND UNGA AT THE JULY 23 COUNCIL MEETING. THE CANADIANS SUGGESTED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL BETWEEN THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THE REGULAR GA MEETING. THE PERMREPS AGREED THAT MAXIMUM REPRESENTATION FROM CAPITALS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF THE JULY 23 CONSULTATION.

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7. AMBASSADOR MENZIES (CANADA) NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH NATO IS NOT FORMALLY SEIZED WITH CYPRUS MATTERS, THREE OF THE ALLIES HAVE FORCES STATIONED THERE. GIVEN THE CURRENT RISK OF CONFRONTATION, INCIDENTS MAY OCCUR WHICH COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE MATTERS. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WILL EXERCISE AND COUNSEL CONSTRAINT DURING THE FORTHCOMING DIFFICULT PERIOD.

8. AMBASSADOR MENZIES OBSERVED THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE A LARGE NUMBER OF BILATERAL MEETINGS DURING THE HELSINKI CSCE SUMMIT. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU, THEREFORE, WILL PROBABLY REFER TO HIS PROPOSAL FOR MORE FREQUENT NATO SUMMITS. MENZIES BELIEVED THAT TRUDEAU DID NOT INTEND TO PRECLUDE OTHER HIGH-

LEVEL PERSONAL MEETINGS. WITH REGARD TO NATO SUMMITRY IN GENERAL, MENZIES BELIEVED THAT TRUDEAU PREFERRED OCCASIONAL INFORMAL, LESS-PUBLIC SUMMIT GATHERINGS WITH DATES AND VENUES TO BE DECIDED ON AN AD HOC BASIS. THESE WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO NORMAL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS UNDER THE NATO AEGIS. DE STAERCKE OBJECTED AND OBSERVED THAT A NATO SUMMIT AT HELSINKI IN CONNECTION WITH CSCE STAGE III MIGHT REPRESENT A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR FURTHER SUMMIT MEETINGS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THREE NATO SUMMIT MEETINGS IN 25 YEARS WERE PERHAPS TO INFREQUENT, HE DID NOT SEE WHAT END MUCH GREATER FREQUENCY WOULD SERVE. AMBASSADOR CATALANO (ITALY) PERSONALLY EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE UTILITY OF MORE FREQUENT SUMMIT MEETINGS, AND AMBASSADOR BUSCH ASKED WHAT DISCUSSION TOPICS AND RESULTS COULD BE EXPECTED AT A HELSINKI SUMMIT. AMBASSADOR HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) NOTED TWO DISTINCT TYPES OF SUMMIT MEETING: A) WITH ALL DETAILS METICULOUSLY PREPARED IN ADVANCE; AND B) INFORMAL SESSIONS WHERE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT GATHER TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. IF SUCH OCASIONS ARE TO BE IN THE LATTER CATEGORY, WHAT DOES TRUDEAU SEE THEM PRODUCING? IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S SUGGESTION THAT SUCH MEETINGS MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE HELD UNDER NATO AUSPICES, MENZIES EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT THEY SHOULD GENERALLY

BE WITHIN THE NATO FRAMEWORK. HE ADDED A PERSONAL OPINION THAT TRUDEAU'S PROPOSAL POSSIBLY REFLECTS HIS FRUSTRATION AT NOT BEING REPRESENTED AT MEETING OF THE NINE.

9. AMBASSADOR DE FREITZS CRUZ (PORTUGAL) OBSERVED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE WAS SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN NOW THAT THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVED THAT SOCIALIST WITHDRAWAL COUPLED WITH WIDESPREAD UNREST AND DISSATISFACTION WITH

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GOVERNMENT MIGHT PROMPT THE AFM TO PUT PORTUGAL'S HOUSE IN ORDER AND TO BECOME RESPONSIVE TO POPULAR DEMANDS. BRUCE

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